decoding the time code;

decoding the modulo time base data of a video object plane;

decoding the time base increment of the video object plane; and

determining the local time base of the video object plane by one of:

combining the decoded modulo time base data and a value of the decoded time

base increment with the decoded time code when the video object plane is a first plane in a

display order after the group of pictures (GOP) header; and

combining the decoded modulo time base data and a value of the decoded time

base increment with the reference time base obtained by the decoded modulo time base data

of a preceding video object plane when the video object plane is a plane subsequent to the

first plane.

Please enter new claims 10 and 11, as follows:

---10.   The method of claim 9, wherein the reference time base is incremented by the

predetermined time interval in accordance with the decoded modulo time base data of each

preceding video object plane, and wherein the time code is an initial value of the reference

time base.

11.   The method of claim 9, wherein the decoded modulo time base data, used to

obtain the reference time base when the video object plane is a plane subsequent to the first

plane, is related to one of a preceding intra-coded video object plane (I-VOP) and a

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